

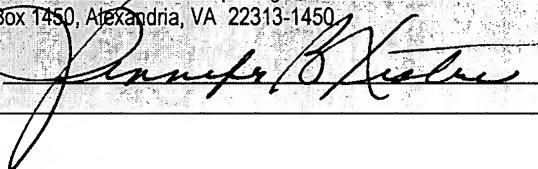


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James E. Dahlberg, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/740,256 Group No.: 1632
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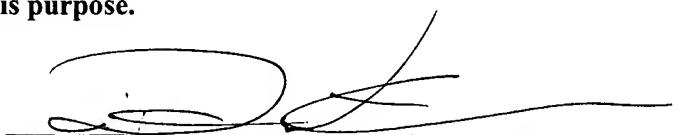
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